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RANCHO SAN DIEGO LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENTS

"Read for the Gold" Theme Challenges Young People to Strive for Reading Achievement

The Rancho San Diego Branch of the San Diego County Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, announces READ FOR THE GOLD, the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program. Children have the opportunity to record the number of books they complete during the official summer reading period. They can strive for lots of reading fun, as well as visit the library frequently to take part in a series of interesting special events that will take place from Tuesday, June 22 through Saturday, July 31. In fact, the more a participant reads, the better the chances at the end of the summer to win prizes that appeal to young people. For information, phone 619-660-5370.

- Tuesday, June 22, 11:00 a.m. Summer Reading Program kickoff. Sign ups begin.
- Wednesday, June 23. 3:30 p.m. Teen Craft: Designing fabric wrist cuffs and chokers, adding jewels, and glitter.
- Thursday, June 24, 3:30 p.m. Young people can keep their eyes cool and shaded this summer with a sun visor they have designed. Also, work begins on the Rancho San Diego Summer Reading banner, to be displayed during the library's awards ceremony on Saturday, July 31.
- Tuesday, June 29, 3:30 p.m. Mad Science presents: "The Magic of Motion." Children are invited to blast across the finish line in Newton's Rocket Car during this family show.
- Wednesday, June 30, 3:30 p.m. Teens: A Day at the Movies – a screening of a recent video release. And...teens are invited to check out a copy of *Stargirl*, by Jerry Spinelli to read before a book discussion on Wed. July 28.
- Thursday, July 1, 3:30 p.m. Children are invited to get ready for the Summer Games by creating patriotic pins and flags in support of Team USA.
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RANCHO SAN DIEGO LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENTS 2-2-2

- Tuesday, July 6, 3:30 p.m. Waterplay Day. Children may come dressed in something that can get wet.
- Wednesday, July 7, 3:30 p.m. Teens will create a work of art with wood, nails and string. Finding the artist within is easier than one may think.
- Thursday, July 8, 3:30 p.m. Sports decoration crafts. Create a light switch cover and a picture frame to go with it using images from baseball, football, soccer and other sports.
- Tuesday, July 13, 3:30 p.m. The Rancho San Diego Summer Games – How far can you jump? How long can you hop on one foot? Children are invited to compete in these and other “sports” for fun!
- Wednesday, July 14, 3:30 p.m. Teens will sing along to favorite tunes with friends during an afternoon of Karaoke. Maybe one will be the next teen idol
- Thursday, July 15, 3:30 p.m. Test your paper-folding skills with this origami craft. Make a photo stand, a talking fish, and more.
- Monday, July 19, 3:30 p.m. Cartooning Workshop by Billy Martinez, nationally known cartoonist and comic book publisher. Learn to create your own cartoon characters.
This workshop is for 8-12 year olds. Space is limited. Please sign up with the Youth Services Librarian.
- Tuesday, July 20, 3:30 p.m. Puppetree Players presents: “The Mixed Up Marathon,” a story about what it takes to win the race, as told by the puppets who try.
- Wednesday, July 21, 3:30 p.m. Teens will create paper dolls that dance. Moveable dolls with a personalized touch – the face of a favorite celebrity, creative clothing, and other creative touches.

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO LIBRARY SUMMER READING EVENTS 3-3-3

- Thursday, July 22, 3:30 p.m. Craft: Picture magnets of movie stars, cartoon characters, or other themes for display on refrigerator.
- Tuesday, July 27, 3:30 p.m. The Science of Sports, a Mad Science Workshop.
- What do baseball, volleyball, and soccer have in common? How can you be the best at your sport?
This workshop is for ages 6-12 years. Space is limited. Please sign up with the Youth Services Librarian.
- Wednesday, July 28, 3:30 p.m. Teens: Book Discussion: *Stargirl*, by Jerry Spinelli
Teens will discuss their reactions to the story. What they liked, what didn't you like, and why.
- Thursday, July 29, 3:30 p.m. Completion of the Rancho San Diego Library Summer Reading banner. This event is the culmination of a summer of hard work. The banner will be displayed during the Summer Reading Awards Ceremony, which takes place on Saturday, July 31.
- Saturday, July 31, 1:00 p.m. Summer Reading Awards Ceremony marking the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program. Participants receive their awards, have opportunities to win a raffle drawing, and meet the Predator!
- Yes – meet R. David Smith, the stuntman who played in Predator II, Artificial Intelligence, and many other Hollywood films. There will be an autographed photo for everyone in the audience.

For more information, contact the library at (619) 660-5370.

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